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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No. 10/781,047	Applicant(s) GYGI ET AL.	
Examiner Bin Shen	Art Unit 1655	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5, 23, 24 and 26-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6-22 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election

Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 6-22 and 25, in the reply filed on 6/30/2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is a unifying inventive concept. This is not found persuasive because this is not a case filed under 35 USC 371, but under 35 USC 121 where each of the inventions are independent, distinct, and there is search burden if any two groups are searched together for the reasons stated in the previous restriction requirement. Applicant is reminded of the extensive literature search in this art which is not co-extensive.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

The IDS received 9/20/2004, 10/04/2004, 3/10/2006, the preliminary amendment received 7/16/2004 have been entered.

Claims 1-5, 23, 24, 26-46 are nonelected and thus are withdrawn from further consideration.

Only claims 6-22, 25 are presented for examination on the merits.

Specification

1. The use of the trademark "LeadQuest" on page 25, has been noted in this application. They should be capitalized wherever they appear and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any

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manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

2. The specification is objected to for inappropriate notation of an internet address. On page 18, 2nd full paragraph, an internet address is cited in an unacceptable form. See MPEP § 707.05(e) for the acceptable notation of an internet address.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 13 is objected to as depending from a non-elected claim. The Examiner recommends rewriting Claim 13 to incorporate all the language of Claim 1, from which it co-dependes.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 6-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Desiderio (J Chromatography B 1999;731:3-21).

Desiderio teaches a method for determining the presence/quantity of a target polypeptide in a mixture of different polypeptides by providing a mixture of human tissue extracts (from human with metabolic defects and normal control- page 5, 2.1 and 2.2), adding two known quantity of labeled (labeled differently with stable isotopes) peptide internal

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standard (page 5, 2.4), treating the mixture with a protease (trypsin-page 7, 2.6), fragmenting the peptides in the mixture by multistage mass spectrometry (tandem mass spectrometer-page 7, 2.8), determining the ratio of labeled fragments to unlabeled fragments and calculating the quantity of the target polypeptide in the mixture (page 7, 2.10.1 and page 8, 2.10.2). Peptides are separated by HPLC chromatograph (page 6, under Chromatograph, 2.5.1-2.5.4) and the fractions (eluent and co-eluent) are shown in Fig. 5-7. The presence/quantity of target polypeptide is diagnostic of a cell state where the cell state is representative of an abnormal physiological response (human pituitary macroadenomas-page 9, 3.1), and the target polypeptide is determined in at least two mixtures (abstract and for details see pages 9-14, pages 14-17).

Therefore, the cited reference is deemed to anticipate the instant claims above.

Conclusion

5. No claim is allowed.

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1636 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone number for the Group is 571-273-8300. NOTE: If Applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status

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Any inquiry concerning rejections or objections in this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bin Shen, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-9040. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from about 9:00 AM to about 5:30 PM. A phone message left at this number will be responded to as soon as possible (i.e., shortly after the examiner returns to her

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office).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Terry McKelvey can be reached at (571) 272-0775.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Meller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**MICHAEL MELLER
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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